

Q Who personally asked you? A I think Mr. Totten.

Q And when did you get that request?

A Each request is separate. Probably came the day before this autopsy was performed.

Q And did you perform the autopsy, the first autopsy on Dr. Hall?

A Yes sir.

Q In Brooklyn? A Yes sir.

Q You can't tell us any more than Dr. Leahy has told us, can you?

A No sir.

Q Were you here when he testified?

A I heard part of it.

Q Yours would be simply repetition of his testimony?

A Yes.

Q The only difference is that you performed the autopsy?

A Yes.

Q Did you find any marks or abrasions on the body that looked as if it were inflicted before death?

A A few small wounds on the hands.

Q And the rest was just these bullet wounds on the head?

A Yes.

Q Now, as to Mrs. Mills, did you perform that autopsy?

A Yes sir.

Q What did you find generally on that autopsy.

A I found that the throat had been cut evidently from the right to the left.

Q Could you tell with what kind of an instrument.

A Evidently with a sharp instrument because the first blow slid off at the collar bone where the collar bone joins the breast bone at the right and deviated off and it was a very sharp cut on the skin.

The second cut finished the job.

Q Did it look like a heavy instrument or a sharp instrument?

A I would think a heavy instrument. I can't conceive an ordinary pen knife making that cut.

Q Did - Could a razor make that cut? A Yes.

Q Go on, Doctor.

A Then she had been shot through the brain three times.

Two of these bullets had been found in the skull cap when the cap of the skull was lifted and the third bullet had passed through. There was what I thought was another bullet mark right in the curve of the lip but when you set a probe to it it didn't pass in more than about one third of an inch. It looked exactly like the other bullet marks.

Q Where there any marks on the skin of the body that indicated they had been made before death, that indicated a struggle of any kind?

A I don't remember, but if they were, it was slight.

Q It is testified here, Dr. Hall's right arm was contused?

A Yes sir, I remember some scratches.

Q Do you remember any marks on his hands as if somebody
hand
held him by the hand and injured his ~~hand~~?

A No.

Q Was Mrs. Mill's right arm hurt, do you know?

A I don't know?

Q Now, as to the bullet wound in the doctor's head, was
there anything to indicate whether he had received that
by getting in the way or whether it had been directly
fired at him?

A If it was directly fired at him, he had his head lowered.

Q When he got it--

A As you would get it charging or ducking. ~~7~~
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Q If it wasn't directly fired at him ~~him~~ might have gotten
it by simply getting in the path of somebody else
being shot at?

A Not if he was holding his head up.

Q But if he was holding his head down? A Yes.

Q What was the course of the wound?

A He was getting a little bald so that his hair was back
and it was just below the hair line on the right hand
side. Now, to shoot me through these holes you would
have to be shooting down from the ceiling.

Q Unless you lowered your head? A Yes sir.

MR. SIMPSON: That is all.

CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. PFEIFFER:

Q Dr., I understood you to say that the cuts in Mrs.

Mills throat were made by an instrument that was quite sharp, must have been sharp for the reasons which you have stated, and fairly havey, that is to say, you said it couldn't be a pen knife?

A I said I didn't think it could be an ordinary pen knife.

Q There has been some talk about pruning shears. Do you think these cuts could have been made by pruning shears?

A Not the kind I am used to.

REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. SIMPSON/

Q It has been testified here that this woman's head was almost off her body. What is the reason that the person with a pair of sharp shears to trim a hedge could not simply cut them and make the incision you found and cut into the body? Why couldn't it be done?

A One blow couldn't have drilled that.

Q Why not if it slid off? If an closing of the blow it ~~xxxxx~~ slid off - it seems to amuse the attorney general he finds a murder very interesting?

A Not if the two cuts were made at the same time.

Q I ask you if they were made that way. I see he is still amused. A. I don't know what you mean by pruning shears.

Q I don't mean these great big shears with handles, I mean the shears you use in trimming hedges. They are triangular blades, very shapr and they have a spring on the handles that gives them the come-together. I don't mean these big things.

A The muscles, of course, had been so changed, that is, the edge where they had been cut, that you couldn't tell to judge by the skin. I should say it was impossible.

(At this time the hearing was adjourned until Wednesday morning, August 18th, 1926, at 10:15 a.m.)